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SUBJ: INTERVENTION IN LEBANESE DISPUTE - KUWAIT

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1. IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT OF REF A I SOUGHT APPOINTMENT WITH KUWAITI ACTING FORMINISTER SALEM AL-SABAH TO ASK KUWAITI INTERVENTION WITH SYRIANS AND PALESTINIANS URGING MODERATION IN LEBANESE DISPUTE. TENTATIVE MEETING MORNING OCT 9 WAS CANCELLED WHEN ACTING FONMINISTER BECAME IMMERSED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ARAB STATES IN KUWAITI CALL FOR ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING TO DISCUSS LEBANON. HOPE TO SEE ACTING FONMINISTER TODAY, ALTHOUGHT I MAY AGAIN BE PUT OFF BECAUSKVF INTENSE GOK ACTIVITY IN ATTEMPTING ORGANIZE ABOVE MEETING AND SCHEDULED RETURN AMIR FROM SUMMER HOLIDAY IN EUROPE.

2. DCM DID SEE ACTING FONMINISTER AT SOCIAL FUNCTION EVENING OCT 8 AND CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OUR CONCERNS AND NEED URGE PALES-TINIAN MODERATION. SHAIKH SALEM EXPRESSED COMPLETE UNDERSTAND-ING AND SAID USG WOULD BE PLEASED TO LEARN OF ANNOUNCEMENT BY GOK OF SAME DATE CALLING FOR ARAB FONMINISTERS' MEETING ON PROBLEM.

3. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT LEBANON HAS EXPRESSED GRADITUDE FOR KUWAIT INITIATIVE AND SPECULATES THAT A NUMBER OF ARAB
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STATES INCLUDING LEBANON, ALREADY HAVE AGREED TO KUWAITI PROPOS-

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AL. KUWAITI AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON, MOHAMMED YOUSEF AL-ADASSANI
REPORTEDLY IS RETURNING TO KUWAIT OCT 11 BEARING MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT FRANJIEH. PRESS OCT 11 ALSO SPECULATES THAT ARAFAT
WILL COME TO KUWAIT TODAY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOK OFFICIALS.

4. WHILE LOCAL ACTIVITY APPEARS INTENSE, WE STILL HAVE RECEIVED
NO DEFINITIVE WORD ON PROPOSED MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS.
ONE FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL QUERIED SUGGESTED EVEN VENUE OF MEETING,
IF IT OCCURES, NOT YET DECIDED.
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